

House File 114 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school nutrition standards and guidelines
2 and to a nutrition advisory panel convened by the department
3 of education.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 29, Code 2021, is
2 amended by striking the subsection.

3 Sec. 2. Section 256.9, subsection 34, Code 2021, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 34. Provide educational resources and technical assistance
6 to schools relating to ~~the implementation of~~ the nutritional
7 guidelines for food and beverages sold on public school grounds
8 or on the grounds of nonpublic schools receiving funds under
9 section 283A.10.

10 Sec. 3. Section 256.9, subsections 50 and 51, Code 2021, are
11 amended by striking the subsections.

12 Sec. 4. Section 283A.1, subsection 1, Code 2021, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 1. "*Nutritionally adequate meal*" means a lunch or breakfast
15 which meets the nutrition guidelines established and standards
16 promulgated by the United States department of education
17 agriculture pursuant to 7 C.F.R. pt. 210 and 7 C.F.R. §220.23.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill strikes provisions directing the state board
22 of education to adopt rules relating to the definition of
23 "nutritionally adequate meal", used by school districts
24 and accredited nonpublic schools to provide meals that
25 meet federally funded school meal program requirements, and
26 requiring the state board to adopt rules establishing nutrition
27 content standards for foods and beverages sold or provided on
28 the school grounds during the school day, but exclusive of
29 foods sold for fundraising purposes and foods and beverages
30 sold at concession stands.

31 Under the bill, "nutritionally adequate meal" means a lunch
32 or breakfast which meets nutrition guidelines and standards
33 promulgated by the United States Department of Agriculture.

34 The bill eliminates a provision requiring the director
35 of the department of education to convene, in collaboration

1 with the department of public health, a nutrition advisory
2 panel to review research in pediatric nutrition. Currently,
3 the panel must meet every five years and submit its findings
4 and recommendations in a report to the state board, which the
5 state board must consider when establishing or amending rules
6 relating to the nutritional content standards. Membership
7 on the advisory panel includes at least one Iowa state
8 university extension nutrition and health field specialist
9 and representatives from the Iowa academy of nutrition and
10 dietetics, the school nutrition association of Iowa, the Iowa
11 association of school boards, the school administrators of
12 Iowa, the Iowa chapter of the American academy of pediatrics,
13 a school association representing parents, the Iowa grocery
14 industry association, an accredited nonpublic school, and the
15 Iowa state education association.

16 The bill also eliminates the requirement that the director
17 of the department of education monitor school districts
18 and accredited nonpublic schools for compliance with the
19 nutritional content standards, and a requirement that school
20 districts and accredited nonpublic schools annually make
21 the standards available to students, parents, and the local
22 community. Currently, a noncompliant school district or
23 accredited nonpublic school must submit to the director a
24 corrective action plan that sets forth the steps to be taken to
25 ensure full compliance.

26 The bill makes corresponding changes.